

**WLUK-TV**  
**Green Bay, Wisconsin**

**F.C.C. QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT**  
**Quarter 3, 2009**  
**(July 1 - September 30, 2009)**

**ELEVEN ISSUES IDENTIFIED**

1. **COMMUNITY VALUES/DEVELOPMENT & ECONOMY.**
2. **CRIME/VIOLENCE, Including Law Enforcement and Protection**
3. **EDUCATION CONCERNS**
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**
5. **FAMILIES, INCLUDING CHILDREN & TEENS**
6. **GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS & ACCOUNTABILITY**
7. **HEALTH CARE/ISSUES/NEWS & REFORM**
8. **BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT GROUP CONCERNS**
9. **MINORITIES/ELDERLY/WOMEN CONCERNS&CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES**
10. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE, INCLUDING DRUGS & ALCOHOL**
11. **AMERICA AT WAR & INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

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See "News Reports" Section –  
Daily News Stories Summarized & Designated  
To Each Issue Identified This Quarter

(The News Reports detail the news coverage assigned to each issue in this  
quarter—See "News Reports-Local" Section)

## Attachment

### **WLUK-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS AIRED**

WLUK-TV gave significant treatment to community issues in the following programs:

1. **"Fox 11 News Special Reports"** - Special Reports aired with WLUK-TV News reporters to inform viewers of breaking news 24 hours/day, Monday through Sunday. Major stories are reported by FOX 11 reporters or FOX Network reporters. Reports pertain to local issues in NE Wisconsin, ie. Severe Weather, Presidential News Conference, etc.
2. **"FOX 11 News" at 5:00PM** - Local newscast aired Monday through Friday 5:00-6:00p.m. It is co-anchored by Tom Milbourn and Michelle Melby, as they reports the first evening local news. Patrick Powell, Chief Meteorologist, reports local weather conditions.
3. **"FOX 11 News" at 5:00PM on Weekends** - Aired 5:00-5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sundays. Mark Leland and Laura Smith co-anchor the weekend newscasts, along with Doug Higgins, Meteorologist, and Paige Pearson, Sports Anchor.
4. **"FOX 11 News" at 9:00PM** - This is a full hour local News Monday-Friday co-anchored by Tom Milbourn and Michelle Melby, with Patrick Powell, Weather.
5. **FOX 11 Good Day Wisconsin", 5:00-9:00am.** This is WLUK's first News at 5:00am for 4 hours early morning, 5:00-9:00AM. \*Major stories from the previous day's late night evening newscast are updated. Rachel Manek, Pete Petoniak & Amy Hanten co-anchor. Special Reporters on location are Angela Kelly & Alison Struve. Weekly reports include: Neil Anderson, *Reporter/Curator, the NEW Wisconsin Zoo @ Reforestation Camp*; Deb Lewis, Fox Valley Humane Society with *Pets for Adoption*; Professional *Makeovers* by Salon CTI, Appleton & Haven Salon, Green Bay; Glen Loyd, *Consumer reporter*, State of Wisconsin Office in Madison. **"FOX 11 Good Day WI"** continues on Saturdays, 6AM-8AM & Sundays 7AM-9AM, anchored by Angela Kelly & Doug Higgins, and Alison Struve on-location Reporter.
6. **LIVING WITH AMY** – 9:00am-10:00am Monday through Friday. Topical stories important to families. Hosted by Amy Hanten of Green Bay.
7. **FOX NEWS SUNDAY** – "FOX News Sunday" is the one-hour Network show with panel & guests discussing current political issues, 9:00-10:00am, aired on WLUK-TV.
8. **Syndicated Shows** - Host interviews guests, M-F, and encourages audience questions/discussion on significant issues: "Rachel Ray" airs 9:00-10:00am.  
**"Ag Day"** – Airs 4:30-5:00am Monday through Friday, first agriculture business news.  
**"First Business"** – Airs 4:00-4:30AM M-F, a syndicated first-news report.  
**"America's Most Wanted"** – FOX Network Show (crime prevention), Sat, 8-9PM.

## WLUK-TV

FCC QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST  
July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009

Below is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by station WLUK-TV, Green Bay, Wisconsin, along with the overview of most significant programming treatment. See subsequent sections to further detail aired programs on WLUK to support those issues for the period April 1 through June 30, 2009. The listing is by no means exhaustive, and the order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance:

- 1 - COMMUNITY VALUES/DEVELOPMENT/ECONOMY
- 2 - CRIME/VIOLENCE & LAW ENFORCEMENT/PROTECTION
- 3 - EDUCATION
- 4 - ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
- 5 - FAMILIES, TEENS & CHILDREN
- 6 - GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS/ACCOUNTABILITY
- 7 - HEALTH CARE & REFORM
- 8 - BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT CONCERNS
- 9 - MINORITIES/WOMEN CONCERNS (INCLUDING CIVIL RIGHTS, DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT)
- 10 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE, INCLUDING DRUGS & ALCOHOL
- 11 - AMERICA AT WAR & INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

Description Of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration
COMMUNITY	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4am-5am	20-40 MIN.
COMMUNITY	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.
COMMUNITY	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55
COMMUNITY	FOX SUNDAY MORNING	7/1-9/30	9:00-10AM	20 Min.

Narration of Type and  
Description of Program/Segment

**SYNDICATED PROGRAMS. First Business**  
and **Ag Day** provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursdays from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am.

Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. See section **PSA** for examples of WLUK-TV PSA's aired within programming and explanation of Local & Network PSA's aired on WLUK.

See **NEWS REPORTS** section for reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#1") for all reports concerning "Community Values & Development" within the 5:00-9AM newscasts and 5PM and 9PM newscasts.

WLUK aired this FOX Network News forum and guests discussed Community Values & how current economy affects

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CRIME/VIOLENCE	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	community development.
CRIME/VIOLENCE	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	SYNDICATED PROGRAMS. <b>First Business</b> and <b>Ag Day</b> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, and community through Thursdays from Monday through Thursday from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am.
CRIME/VIOLENCE	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. See sections Local & Net PSA's for those aired within programming pertaining to crime prevention.
CRIME/VIOLENCE	AMERICA'S MOST WANTED	7/1-9/30 SAT 8:00-9PM		20 Min.	See News Report Section for all reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See heading ("#2") for all reports concerning "Crime and Violence" aired within the 5:00-9AM news plus 5PM and 9PM newscasts.
EDUCATION	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	Fox Network show features the crime committed and information about the criminal, to be apprehended. Anyone in the audience who can identify the criminal is asked to call the designated law enforcement department. Updates given about criminals who have been apprehended and convicted due to information provided by citizens who were watching this program. Some segments repeated in WIUK's "Good Day Wisconsin" morning show.
EDUCATION	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	SYNDICATED PROGRAMS: <b>First Business</b> and <b>Ag Day</b> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, and community through Thursday from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am
					Local/Network PSA's aired at various

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EDUCATION	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9p		times sign-on to sign-off. Example of WLUK-TV PSA aired within programming which pertain to this issue = See PSA Local section.
					See NEWS REPORTS-LOCAL section for summary of all reports within local WLUK FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#3") for all reports concerning "Education" within the 5:00AM-9AM news plus 5PM and 9PM newscasts.
ENVIRONMENT	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	SYNDICATED PROGRAMS. <b>First Business</b> and <b>Ag Day</b> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursdays from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am
ENVIRONMENT	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. WLUK-TV PSA's aired within programming which pertain to this issue.
ENVIRONMENT	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9p	See pp 1-55	See News Reports-Local section for all reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), (assigned to #4) for all reports concerning "Environmental Concerns" within the 5:00-9AM, 5PM, 9PM newscasts.
FAMILIES	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	SYNDICATED PROGRAMS. <b>First Business</b> and <b>Ag Day</b> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursdays from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am
FAMILIES	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	Local and Network PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. See "PSA Sections-Local & Network".

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FAMILIES	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	See all reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#5") for all reports concerning "Family Concerns" within the 5:00AM-9AM, 5PM, 9:00PM newscasts.
GOVERNMENT	FOX NEWS ALERTS	7/1-9/30/09	Varied	Varied	FOX News Alert brought several News Conferences:  See "'News Reports-FOX Network'" for summary of News Interrupts this qtr.
GOVERNMENT	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	SYNDICATED PROGRAMS. <i>First Business</i> and <i>Ag Day</i> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, government and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursdays from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am
GOVERNMENT	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30.	Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. See section for FOX Network PSA's aired on WLTK. Local examples.
GOVERNMENT	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	See NEWS REPORTS-Local for summaries of reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#6") for all reports concerning "Government Accountability and/or Programs" within the 5:00AM-9AM, 5:00PM and 9PM newscasts.
GOVERNMENT	FOX SUNDAY MORNING	7/1-9/30	9:00-10AM	20 Min.	Update on national news. Guests discussed political candidates plus inauguration of elected President of the United States. In addition, military involvement in the war was a common topic. Host: Chris Wallace.

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HEALTH	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	SYNDICATED SHOWS: <b>First Business</b> and <b>Ag Day</b> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursday from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am
HEALTH	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. WLUK-TV PSA's aired within programming which pertain to this issue.
HEALTH	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	See News Reports for summaries of all reports within local FOX-11 News Reports-Local. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#7") for all reports concerning "Health Care, Health Issues and Health News and Latest Medical Advances/Programs" within the 5:00AM-9AM News plus 5PM, and 9PM newscasts.
BUS./NON-PROFIT	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	SYNDICATED SHOWS: <b>First Business</b> and <b>Ag Day</b> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursdays from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am
BUS./NON-PROFIT	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off.
BUS./NON-PROFIT	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	See NEWS REPORTS for all reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#8") for all reports concerning "Business & Non-profit Concerns" within the 5:00AM-9AM News plus 5PM, and 9PM newscasts.
BUS./NON-PROFIT	FOX SUNDAY MORNING	7/1-9/30	9:00-10AM	20 Min.	Update on national news. Guests discussed small businesses and influence of war on success. Hosted by Chris Wallace

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MINORITIES/et al	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	SYNDICATED SHOWS: <i>First Business</i> and <i>Ag Day</i> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursday from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am.
MINORITIES, et al	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. See PSA's Local section.
MINORITIES, et al	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	See NEWS REPORTS for all reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#9") for all reports concerning "Minorities and/or Women's Issues or Participation" (including civil rights, discrimination, harassment) within the 5:00AM-9AM News plus 5PM, and 9PM newscasts.
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	SYNDICATED SHOWS: <i>First Business</i> and <i>Ag Day</i> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursday from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am.
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	PSA's, Local/Net	7/1-9/30	5AM-2AM	:10-:30 Sec.	Local PSA's aired at various times sign-on to sign-off. See PSA's Local & Network Sections.
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	See NEWS REPORTS for all reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#10") for all reports concerning "Substance Abuse, including Drugs and Alcohol" within the 5:00-9AM, newscasts, and 5PM & 9PM newscasts.
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	FOX SUNDAY MORNING	7/1-9/30	9:00-10AM	20 Min.	Update on national news regarding drugs & abuse of drugs, apprehending



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					criminals involved, change in government policies. Hosted by Chris Wallace
WAR/CONFLICT	SYNDICATED SHOWS	7/1-9/30	4AM-5AM	20-40 MIN.	<b>SYNDICATED PROGRAMS. First Business</b> and <b>Ag Day</b> provide information appropriate to community groups, families, businesses, agriculture, and community non-profit businesses, Monday through Thursday from 4:00am-4:30am/4:30am-5:00am.
WAR/CONFLICT	FOX 11 & NET NEWS	7/1-9/30	5a/5p/9pm	See pp 1-55	See NEWS REPORTS section for reports within local FOX-11 Newscasts. See "ISSUE" heading (far right column), ("#11") for all reports concerning "War & Conflict" within the 5:00-9AM newscasts, and 5PM & 9PM newscasts.
WAR/CONFLICT	FOX SUNDAY MORNING	7/1-9/30	9:00-10AM	20 Min.	FOX Network, News forum weekly, aired on WLUK-TV. Hosted by Chris Wallace

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2009, our station aired extensive programming that addressed many areas of concern and interest to the residents in the Northeast Wisconsin television market.

Below is a summary of 11 ISSUES and PROGRAMMING pertaining to the issues.

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**1 COMMUNITY VALUES/ Economy**

**4/13/09      5:00AM (30 Secs)**

**HOME FORECLOSURES RISE IN Brown County**

**2 CRIME**

**Tues, 8/4/09**

**5:00PM**

**30 sec**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN GREEN BAY**

FOX11's Mark Leland reports neighbors are working to fight crime by getting to know their neighbors. Residents in East Green Bay is an example of those taking part in Tuesday's National Night Out. When residents know their neighbors, they can better identify who doesn't belong on their street. Police say that helps to keep out drugs and crime.

Green Bay's Schmitt Park & Lake Largo neighborhood associations joined forces to celebrate National Night Out by bringing residents together with police officers and others to help make their communities safer. For many residents this is their first meeting, and it might not have happened without the organized event.

"It also strengthens the partnership between community and police and going beyond that to neighbor to neighbor," said Joe McMurray of the Schmitt Park Neighborhood Association.

National Night Out is a once a year event, but in order to be effective, city officials say there has to be an ongoing effort. Building a bond though starts with gatherings like this one.. Letting criminals know neighborhoods are fighting back. Nationwide, an estimated 37 million people took part in National Night Out.

### **3) EDUCATION**

4/19/09      6:00am (30 SEC.) Retraining in This Economy

Mark Leland reports in Green Bay. Starting over can be a difficult task, one more and more people are being forced to do after being downsized on the job. Automation pushed Joan Petasak out of her job at Georgia Pacific after 37 years. She took a year off living on her severance package and then turned to Northeast Wisconsin Technical college to figure out where she would go next. But at 58 years old she knew she needed to get educated in order to find a new job. It's the same story for 56 year old Veronica Wasielewski . Northeast WI Technical College has seen more and more displaced workers, of all ages, coming back to school. In January 105 dislocated workers signed up for classes. This month there are 218, and the number is growing everyday. "You can see just in the three month period how many folks are going through dislocations and deciding to come back to school it's a very busy time right now," said Anderson.

### **3) EDUCATION –**

4/22/09      9:00-10PM (60 Min)      **GOLDEN APPLES AWARDS**

### **4) ENVIRONMENT**

4/23/09      6:15am (30 secs)-GDW      "GREEN" BUSINESS OPENS ON EARTH DAY

### **5) FAMILIES**

4/12/09      7:00AM (20 Secs)      Need on the Rise for Community Meals.

Reporter: Cameron Clark . GREEN BAY - The Easter Sunday community dinner has become a has increased steadily in recent years and they don't see a decline in sight. Each home is reduced to a number on paper, but the reality is there-are lives involved.

Each sheet posted in the sheriff's department represents a foreclosure in Brown County, and while it's a tragedy for the homeowner it can be a bargain for somebody else. Sonnabend is a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker in Green Bay who purchased 12 properties a year. Most properties are re-purchased by the banks foreclosing. The banks will then turn around and sell the properties for what they are owed. Sonnabend says when the homes have good equity in them, others can capitalize on someone else's failure.

**6) GOVERNMENT**

**Monday 4/13/09 9:00PM (30 sec) 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry to Iraq**

**7) HEALTH**

**MON 5/18/07 9:00PM :30 sec Doyle Signs Statewide Smoking Ban**

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**8) BUSINESS**

**4/23/09 6:15am (30 secs)-GDW "GREEN" BUSINESS OPENS ON EARTH DAY**

**9) MINORITIES/FAMILIES**

**4/29/09 5:00am 30 SEC. YOUNG GIRL WINS ROBINSON AWARD**

**10) DRUGS**

**4/23/09 5:00PM (30 SEC) DRUG BUST IN GREEN BAY**

**11) INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

**THUR, 5/4/09 5:00PM (30-sec.) 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade Arrive in IRAQ.**

The 32nd Brigade was mobilized in February and completed training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and Camp Buehring, Kuwait, and arrived in Iraq in early May. The brigade's 27 units expect to complete their mission taking control of Baghdad's International Zone by January 2010.

## **11) INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

**THUR, 5/28/09      5:00PM (30-sec.)    32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade in Control in BAGHDAD**

The Wisconsin National Guard's 32nd Infantry Brigade is now in control of Baghdad's International Zone, formerly known as the Green Zone, is the heavily guarded area of closed-off streets in Central Baghdad where U.S. occupation authorities live & work. The formal transfer of authority ceremony was held at former Ba'ath Party headquarters. Maj. Gen. Guy Swan presided over the ceremony. Approx. 3,200 soldiers of the 32nd Brigade Combat Team are stationed in Iraq; 140 soldiers are responsible for the International Zone.

## **11) INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

**4/13/09      5:00PM (30 secs)      Navy: Trio of Shots Ended Sea Standoff**

PAULINE JELINEK, Associated Press. Military Officials widely praised the Navy Seal Snipers' actions to free the American hostage in a five-day standoff with pirates off the coast of Somalia. Three remarkable shots in the dark from the back of a warship on a rolling sea — that's how the Navy's elite SEALs saved the life of the American hostage in a dangerous standoff with pirates. The SEALs who ended the five-day pirate drama parachuted from their aircraft to the sea off Somalia and were picked up by the destroyer USS Bainbridge, which had been negotiating with the pirates and was towing the pirated lifeboat at the time.

Vice Adm. William Gortney, commander of U.S. Naval Forces, said Monday that it took only three shots for Navy snipers to kill the trio of pirates holding captain Richard Phillips hostage on the lifeboat. The takedown happened shortly after the hostage-takers were observed by sailors aboard the USS Bainbridge "with their heads and shoulders exposed."

## **11) INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

**WED 5/27/09      9:00PM      (30 sec)      North Korea Poses Threat**

On Wednesday, NKorea renounced the 1953 truce that halted fighting in the Korean War. A minor accidental skirmish can lead to a nuclear war. South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman Won Tae-jae said the South Korea-U.S. combined forces command has raised its surveillance from a level 2 to a level 3. He said the last time the alert level was that high was the in 2006, when the North conducted its first nuclear test.

## **11) INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

**THUR 5/28/09      9:00PM      (30 sec)      North Korea Poses Threat**

ERIC TALMADGE, Associated Press Writer, reports S Korea & US Troops raised their alert Thursday to the highest level since 2006 after North Korea renounced its peace treaty with the allied forces and threatened to strike any ships trying to intercept its vessels.

The move followed NKorea's underground nuclear test and its firing of a series of short-range missiles earlier this week. In response, Seoul decided to join more than 90 nations that have agreed to stop and inspect vessels suspected of transporting banned weapons.

North Korea claims the South's participation in the U.S.-led Proliferation Security Initiative is a prelude to a naval blockade and raises the prospect of naval skirmish in its western waters. There are 28,500 U.S. troops in South Korea and another 50,000 in Japan. All are within striking range of North Korea's missiles.

Experts said the recent flurry of belligerence from North Korea may reflect an effort by leader Kim Jong Il to boost his standing among his impoverished people by generating fear and claiming to be strong in the face of outside threats. It was also seen testing the new administration of President Barack Obama. Diplomats, meanwhile, discussed further what measures should be taken to punish the North.

#### **11) INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

**FRI 5/29/09 9:00PM 30-sec. Consequences of North Korea's Actions**

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned of "consequences" but it remained unclear what action the United Nations Security Council would take. The five permanent veto-wielding council members -- the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France -- and the two countries most closely affected by the nuclear test, Japan and South Korea, discussed possible U.N. sanctions and other measures for a new Security Council resolution on Tuesday.

#### **11) INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

**Tue, 6/9/09 9:00PM :30 SEC Next 18 months Key to Afghan Victory**

WASHINGTON (AP) – Top leaders in the Pentagon said today that steps taken over the next 18 months to defeat the Taliban & other extremists will ultimately decide whether the war in Afghanistan is being won. !